

# TRADEWINDS

California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Agricultural Export Program

## RECENT FAS / USDA REPORTS

The following reports of interest were released during the month of August. FAIRS and Country Reports have also been updated for more than 20 markets, such as Taiwan, India, the UK, and Israel. Please visit [www.fas.usda.gov](http://www.fas.usda.gov) to access the reports.

**Korea:** Confectionery Market

**China:** Approved Fruit and Country/Region Import List

**Mexico:** Health Foods Market Brief

## EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES

- Korean companies are seeking suppliers of frozen lobster; dried sea cucumber; and brown rice
- Importers in Taiwan are looking for suppliers of frozen shrimp, crab, and fish; mussels; dried azuki beans; leather; spirulina powder; ginseng products; sesame oil; chilled pork; chicken parts; potato chips; meat and bone meal; and straw
- Russian firms wish to source cotton; frozen hunchback and pink salmon; and frozen whiting

For details, please contact AEP at [aepinfo@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:aepinfo@cdfa.ca.gov)

## CDFA TASC Proposal

Seeking to improve market access and retention for California agricultural products, the Agricultural Export Program (AEP) has applied for federal funding through the USDA's Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops program. In coordination with the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) and the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Pest Exclusion Branch, AEP has applied for the funding to assist in updating commodity pest lists and developing an online database to make this information readily available to the agricultural industry.

## UPCOMING EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

### CDFA / AEP INTERNATIONAL VISITOR (IV) PROGRAM

**September 16, 2004, Sacramento**

The Agricultural Export Program (AEP) is coordinating a technical briefing with CDFA staff for a visitor from the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. The visitor's program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and locally arranged by the Sacramento Council for International Visitors (SCIV).

### COPEX EXPORT SEMINAR

**September 17, 2004, Garden Grove**

This seminar is titled "Organic Export: Succeeding in the Global Marketplace." For details, please visit [www.copes-ca.org/seminars.php](http://www.copes-ca.org/seminars.php).

### CDFA / AEP IV PROGRAM

**September 28, 2004, Sacramento**

A technical briefing for delegates from the State Commodities and Raw Materials Exchange in Turkmenistan is being arranged by AEP. The visitors' project, sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of State, is locally facilitated by the SCIV.

### TAIWAN PRODUCE DELEGATION

**September 30-October 1, 2004, Salinas**

AEP will facilitate a Taiwan produce delegation in coordination with the Western United States Agricultural Trade Association (WUSATA) and California agricultural organizations.

### SOUTHEAST ASIA PMA DELEGATION

**October 19-22, 2004, Southern California**

AEP will facilitate a fresh fruit and vegetable buying delegation in coordination with WUSATA, the Agricultural Trade Office in Jakarta, and California agricultural organizations.

### U.S.-AFRICA AGRIBUSINESS CONFERENCE

**November 7-10, 2004, Monterey**

AEP is participating in the planning and promotion of this event, which will bring together key players in the agribusiness industry from the United States and Africa, including business, farming, and government leaders. For details and registration, please follow the link on the AEP website at [www.calagexports.com/trade\\_show\\_cal.asp](http://www.calagexports.com/trade_show_cal.asp).

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## Comment Period on Methyl Bromide

The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is soliciting comments on its proposed rule regarding official quarantine uses of methyl bromide. In particular, APHIS is welcoming comments on the following aspects of its proposal:

- The definition of official quarantine use;
- The interpretation of the criteria to be used in evaluating requests for authorization of methyl bromide uses as official quarantine uses, including which factors might be taken into account when considering the economic feasibility of a potential alternative to methyl bromide;
- Whether the proposed rule should address the possibility of an alternative to methyl bromide becoming available that is not subject to registration by the EPA;
- The economic impact of the benefits or costs of implementation on small entities, including the number and kind of entities that would be affected.

Comments must be submitted on or before October 12, 2004 by one of the following methods:

- Postal mail / commercial delivery: Send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. 02-086-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 02-086-1.
- E-mail: Comments must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 02-086-1" on the subject line. Send comments to [regulations@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:regulations@aphis.usda.gov).
- Agency website: Go to [www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/cominst.html](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/cominst.html) for a form you can use to submit an e-mail comment through the APHIS Web site.

Visit [www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html) for additional APHIS documents and related information. For further information contact, Dr. Inder P. Gadh, Treatment Specialist, Phytosanitary Issues Management, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 140, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-6799.

The full text of this section of the Federal Register can be viewed at [www.regulations.gov/fredoccs/04-18445.htm](http://www.regulations.gov/fredoccs/04-18445.htm).

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